

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

BACKGROUND:

On December 13, 2011, Council took the following actions related to land acquisition for the City's future water treatment plant site:

1. Council authorized the execution of an agreement to purchase Parcels 05-25-400-200 and 05-25-400-140 for a combined purchase price of \$825,000.
2. Council authorized the execution of a land exchange agreement with the United States of America, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture (USDA).
3. Council set the date of public hearing for January 24, 2012 for disposal of Parcels 05-25-400-200 and 05-25-400-140 pursuant to the land exchange agreement between the City of Ames and the United States of America.

On December 30, 2011, staff closed on the purchase of parcels. In addition, staff mailed the exchange agreement signed by Mayor Campbell, along with the Council resolution supporting it, to the USDA for their concurrence and signature. An electronic copy of the fully executed agreement has been returned by the federal government.

The City Clerk posted legal notice in The Ames Tribune on January 10, 2012, regarding disposal of the parcels in exchange for property located at 1800 East 13th street owned by the United States of America, and provided notification that a public hearing would be held on the matter on January 24, 2012.

At this time, Council is asked to authorize disposal of Parcels 05-25-400-200 and 05-25-400-140 and acquisition of the property located at 1800 E 13th Street pursuant to the land exchange agreement.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve disposal of Parcels 05-25-400-200 and 05-25-400-140 and acquisition of the property located at 1800 E 13th Street pursuant to the fully executed land exchange agreement between the City of Ames and the United States of America.
2. Do not authorize the disposal of said property at this time, and provide guidance for staff on the future direction of the project.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The new Water Treatment Plant project is an important component of the City's long-term development plan. The plant will serve all customers of the water utility by providing increased capacity to meet future water demand as well as replace the aging infrastructure of the existing facility.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving disposal of Parcels 05-25-400-200 and 05-25-400-140 and acquisition of the property located at 1800 E 13th Street pursuant to the land exchange agreement between the City of Ames and the United States Government.